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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) **CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/572,604 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/JP2005/012827 12 July 2005 20 July 2004 TITLE OF INVENTION SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND PROGRAM APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Ko Ishimoto et al. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. The US has been elected (Article 31). A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). has been communicated by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). is attached hereto. a. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). have been communicated by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. X An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)) (executed). An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12 An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13 A preliminary amendment. 14 An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. A substitute specification. 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 18. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER PCT/JP2005/012827 SONYJP 3.3-453 10/572,604 Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371; Return Receipt 20. x Other items or information: Postcard The following fees have been submitted **CALCULATIONS PTO USEONLY** 21. Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))......\$300 22. Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$ All other situations 23. Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority..... \$ International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB.....\$400 All other situations. \$ 0.00 TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 = Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. **Total Sheets** Extra Sheets Number of each additional 50 or fraction RATE thereof (round up to a whole number) - 100 = /50 = x \$250.00 \$ Surcharge of \$130 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration \$ 130.00 after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)). NUMBER FILED NUMBER EXTRA RATE CLAIMS Total claims - 20 = 0 X 50.00 0.00 - 3 = Independent claims 0 х 200.00 0.00 MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + **TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =** \$ 130.00 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2. SUBTOTAL = \$ 130.00 Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest \$ claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)). **TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =** \$ 130.00 Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied \$ by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property \$ 11/24/2006 LLANDGRA 00000047 121095 TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$ 130.00 10572604 Amount to be 130.00 DA \$ refunded: Amount to be \$ charged

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- English Translation of the IA filed on 03/20/2006
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- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 03/20/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 03/20/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 03/20/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 03/20/2006
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